Financial Assistance to Orissa for Cyclone Relief

310. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of financial assistance sanctioned and disbursed by the Centre to Orissa under various heads for relief and rehabilitation of cyclone affected people in the state;

(b) whether Orissa Government has demanded to treat the entire amount as grant and not as a loan or an advance; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO):(a) to (c) Government of Orissa, in the first instance, had demanded Rs. 2500 crore as Central assistance to under take relief and restoration measures and requested to treat the entire amount as grant and not as loan or advance. The Union Government has already released ad-hoc assistance of Rs. 200 crore from National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) and Rs. 200 crore as advance plan assistance, to the Government of Orissa, in the wake of Super Cyclone. Further ad-hoc assistance of Rs.300 crore has been announced, Relief and restoration measures have been taken up on a national scale. An advance plan assistance of Rs. 250 crore was also sanctioned to Orissa for the cyclone of 17-18th October, 1999.

Criteria for opening of DMS Depot

311. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the policy and the criteria framed by Government for opening of DMS depot in New Delhi/Delhi;

(b) The number of such depots that are functioning in 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' sectors of Vasant Kunj and for about twenty societies' houses in Indra Prasth Extension in East Delhi;

(c) whether Government propose to extend such facilities to those residents of Delhi/New Delhi where such facility does not exist; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Availability of milk for supply in DMS is the pre-condition for opening of new milk depots. Other criteria for opening of the depots are as follows:

(i) The proposed site should be approved by Local Government bodies such as NDMC, MCD & DDA.